MINUTES

TOWN OF LOS GATOS TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION CIVIC CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 110 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 9, 2008 MEETING

NO.	ITEM	ACTION ON ITEM
I.	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS	The Transportation and Parking Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 A. M. Chair Ed LaVeque welcomed the Alpine Avenue, Pleasant Street, and Villa Avenue residents.
П.	ROLL CALL	Commissioners Present: Chair Ed LaVeque, Dick Anderson, Collette Lynner, Erik Wilhelmsen, and Chris Tanimoto.
		Commissioners Absent: Ed Stahl, Bruce Entin
		Staff: Todd Capurso, Director of Parks and Public Works Kevin Rohani, Assistant Director of Parks and Public Works Millie Sperath, Administrative Specialist/Recording Secretary Dorrie Romero, Administrative Secretary Captain Dave Gravel, Police Department Sergeant JR Langer, Police Department Others: Diane Hunter, Maryam Boshard, Gretchen Snyder, Bruce
		Mitchell, and others.
III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2008	Motion by Dick Anderson to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Collette Lynner.
	CHAIR CALLED THE QUESTION	Carried unanimously.
IV.	VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS	
	A. Sustainability Committee	Collette Lynner reported that the Sustainability Committee may be abandoned after November 2008.
	B. Bike Maps	Collette Lynner spoke about the proposed bike map to be reviewed again in November 2008.
	C. Overgrown Shrubbery/Shannon Road	Dick Anderson reported a dangerous condition of overgrown shrubbery on Shannon Road going west onto Los Gatos Boulevard. Staff will request a work order to trim the shrubbery.
V.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	A. Request for Permit Parking on Pleasant Street	The following concerns and comments were heard regarding requests for permit parking on Pleasant Street:
		• Diane Hunter (22 Pleasant Street) addressed the Commission regarding a petition requesting consideration for permit parking on Pleasant Street with the following restrictions: 1) Monday through Friday when school is in session, 2) only on the east side of the street, and 3) extending from Terrace Court to New York Avenue.

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- Chris Tanimoto referred to the Olive Zone (90 minute parking) except for permit parking.
- **Diane Hunter** spoke about parking challenges experienced by visitors, caregiver, therapist, etc. from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm while school is in session.
- Other letters were distributed to the Commission for review in support of permit parking from Maralyn Miller (36 Pleasant Street), Jane Peattie (40 Pleasant Street), David Wu (26 Pleasant Street), and Jason Sinclair (20 Pleasant Street).
- A gentleman in the audience expressed the same parking concerns as Diane Hunter, stating that family, friends, or service people cannot visit at the same time.
- JR Langer agreed that parking is a concern while school is in session.
- **Dick Anderson** asked for a schematic diagram of high school parking areas.
- Dave Gravel will contact the high school regarding a high school parking map.
- JR Langer will provide the residents with a copy of the Town's Traffic Calming Policy.
- Ed LaVeque asked for solutions to neighborhood parking concerns.
- Dave Gravel reported that Town staff has been working with high school staff to alleviate parking concerns in the Alpine Avenue neighborhood.
- Todd Capurso will coordinate a meeting with high school and Town staff to discuss alternative parking solutions.
- Ed LaVeque will attend the meeting with Town and high school staff.
- Ed LaVeque thanked the Pleasant Street residents for their participation.

B. Villa Avenue Parking Concerns

The following comments were heard regarding parking and safety concerns on Villa Avenue:

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - (Cont.)

Villa Avenue Parking Concerns

- Gretchen Snyder (176 Villa Avenue), representing the residents on Villa Avenue, expressed a concern regarding the lack of street parking on Villa Avenue due to high school and Civic Center events, nearby hair salon employees and clients, and limited access for garbage pickup.
- Gretchen Snyder asked for permit parking 24 hours per day between 194 Villa Avenue through 174 Villa Avenue, as well as speed humps to reduce speeding in this area.
- Maryam Boshard expressed concerns regarding the lack of parking for friends, relatives, and delivery services.
- A gentleman in the audience spoke about walking home with groceries because he was not able to park on Villa Ayenue.
- Ed LaVeque recommended that staff proceed with a parking/traffic study for recommendation to the Town Council.
- Todd Capurso recommended a traffic and speed study in accordance with the Town's Traffic Calming Policy.
- Kevin Rohani will coordinate a traffic count study.
- **JR Langer** asked Gretchen Snyder to submit a petition from the neighborhood.
- Staff will forward the petition from the Villa Avenue residents to the Commission as soon as it becomes available.
- Ed LaVeque thanked the Villa Avenue residents for their participation.

C. Alpine Avenue Parking Concerns

The following comments were heard regarding parking and safety concerns on Alpine Avenue:

- Ed LaVeque spoke about the special Commission meeting that was held on October 1, 2008 to hear the parking concerns of the Alpine Avenue residents and asked the Commission to make a recommendation to present to Council.
- **JR Langer** reported that PPW and Police staff met last week to review and discuss information studies, requests from the residents, and the possible extension of the Olive Zone.

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Alpine Avenue Parking Concerns	with high school staff to alleviate parking concerns in the neighborhood.
	Dick Anderson spoke about the possibility of parking spaces in the high school soccer field and limiting high school parking permits to 200 students.
	Chris Tanimoto recommended further discussion with Parlour 308 Salon regarding employee parking.
	Chris Tanimoto reported that there was no control regarding the number of stations at Parlour 308 Salon at the time the Conditional Use Permit was issued, however, the Planning Commission will be reviewing new permits.
	Todd Capurso agreed that this was more of an employee parking problem and spoke about the extension of the Olive Zone.
	Erik Wilhelmsen suggested the implementation of the Olive Zone on a trial basis.
	Bruce Mitchell (98 Alpine Avenue) stated that he was very familiar with the parking/speeding challenges on the street and recommended a speed limit of 25 mph.
	Todd Capurso stated that before a formal recommendation can be made a parking survey should be forwarded to the Alpine Avenue residents.
Motion by Erik Wilhelmsen	Motion by Erik Wilhelmsen for staff to continue working with Los Gatos High School staff regarding the high school parking problem and for Todd Capurso to forward a survey to the Alpine Avenue residents to include items such as parking, traffic, speeding, garbage pickup, red curb, parking on one side of the street, and residential permit parking on a trial basis (Monday through Friday) from January to June. Seconded by Collette Lynner.
CHAIR CALLED THE QUESTION	Carried unanimously.
Motion by Collette Lynner	Motion by Collette Lynner to forward a request to the Planning Commission to review the Conditional Use Permit for Parlour 308 Salon to determine if the permit is currently appropriate for a hair salon. Seconded by Dick Anderson. Erik Wilhelmsen and Chris Tanimoto abstained.
CHAIR CALLED THE QUESTION	Carried.
D. Stop Signs on Kennedy Road/ Englewood Avenue	Kevin Rohani reported that the Town Traffic Engineer is in the process of conducting a study regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Kennedy Road and Englewood Avenue and is close to making a recommendation.
E. Downtown Parking Challenges	Ed Stahl was absent and there was no discussion regarding downtown parking challenges.

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VI.	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION	
	Updated Commission Roster	The Commission received an updated Transportation and Parking Commission roster.
VII.	COMMISSION MATTERS	
	VTA Update – Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Bruce Entin was absent and there was no discussion regarding VTA.
VIII.	DIRECTOR MATTERS	There were no director matters discussed at this meeting.
	NEXT MEETING	The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008 at 7:30 A. M. at 41 Miles Avenue.
	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A. M.